

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Terry Tippet upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Terry Tippet, who has devoted his life to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on March 19, 2005, Mr. Tippet will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tippet began teaching and coaching in 1968 at Collierville High School; he coached football, basketball, and baseball from 1968-1970; and

WHEREAS, moving to Dyer County High School in 1972, he coached football and basketball until 1977, during which time Coach Tippet led the football team to two TSSAA Class A Championships in 1972 and 1973, the basketball team to its first ever state berth; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Terry Tippet moved on to Trezevant High School where he coached basketball until 1986; winning the 1980 TSSAA Class AA Championship, he finished the season with a 34-1 record; and

WHEREAS, as the head coach of the basketball team at White Station High School from 1984 to 1986, Coach Tippet met with extraordinary success and led his teams to capture four TSSAA Class AAA State Titles and two TSSAA Class AAA Runners-Up amassing an amazing record of 472 wins and 136 losses throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association, Mr. Tippet currently teaches and coaches basketball at Evangelical Christian School; and

WHEREAS, during the last five seasons, Coach Tippet has posted a 176-12 record, winning five City Championships and five Region 8AAA Championships; throughout his illustrious career, he has attained an overall record of 669-343 and has received Coach of the Year honors six times in 1987, 1989, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Coach Tippet's impact cannot be adequately measured by winning seasons alone; his positive impact on the lives of his students, athletes, fellow teachers, and administrators still resounds in the community today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tippet has coached two AAA Mr. Basketball Award winners, the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association (TACA) West All-Star team to a victory in 2000, and the Jordan Capital Classic All-Star game in Washington D. C.;

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Tippet has been supported by his loving family, friends, and, most especially, his wonderful wife, Nancy; and

WHEREAS, for all of his many accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Terry Tippet has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tippet is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mentor the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family and friends of Terry Tippet in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and administrator, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.